

SWOSU Wind Ensemble Concert on Friday

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The SWOSU Wind Ensemble will perform a concert titled "Voices of the Ancients" this Friday, February 19, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the Weatherford campus.

The SWOSU Wind Ensemble, conducted by Dr. James South, is the university's premier concert band. Admission is free and the public is invited.

"Most of the selections in the concert are based on musical material or speech from earlier times, so I selected a title which reflects that concept," South said. "Anyone who enjoys orchestral music will love this concert!"

"Lincoln Portrait" by Aaron Copland was composed in 1943 as a setting for inspirational quotes of President Abraham Lincoln. The narrator for this moving composition will be Dr. Radwan Al-Jarrah, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at SWOSU.

"Sketches on a Tudor Psalm" by American composer Fisher Tull applies 20th century compositional techniques to a Psalm tune composed by the 16th century English composer Thomas Tallis. "Ambrosian Hymn Variants" by Donald White similarly uses contemporary orchestrations and rhythms but is based on an early Gregorian Te Deum chant melody.

The concert will also include two Chorale Preludes by the German composer Johannes Brahms, based on much earlier Lutheran hymns. Excerpts from the Prelude to Richard Wagner's opera "Parsifal" will be performed with its musical references to the Arthurian legend. The concert will conclude with Sir Malcolm Arnold's "Four Scottish Dances" and John Philip Sousa's "Daughters of Texas."

For additional information, call 580.774.3717.